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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Ram R Shukla

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Ram R Shukla.

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(2) Scott Priebe.

(4) Ann Brown.

Date of Interview: 28 March 2001.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: Reilly et al; US 6,080,576; Joshi et al; US 5,641,670; Kaufman et al, Dominski et al.

Claim(s) discussed: rejected under 102, 103, and new matter.

Identification of prior art discussed:

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The 102 rejections in paragraph 18-21 and 24 of the previous office action of 10-17-00 were discussed. The 103 rejection in paragraph 26 was also discussed. Applicants were advised to provide arts/reviews to clarify the art accepted definition of "amplifiable marker".

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

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Examiner's signature, if required